UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PROCEDURE FOR SPLITTING JOINT CASES BY CONVERSION

Because of changes made to CM/ECF and the new statistical tracking requirements of BAPCPA, **effective May 14, 2007**, a notice of conversion as to one debtor only or a motion to convert as to one debtor only may no longer be filed in a joint case.

If one debtor in a joint case seeks to convert, that debtor must first file a motion to deconsolidate and pay the appropriate fee. The motion will be processed as promptly as possible, and after the order deconsolidating case is entered, the joint case will be split and a new case number assigned to the debtor seeking conversion. At that point, the debtor seeking to convert may file either a notice of conversion or a motion to convert as appropriate (and pay any required fees).

Note that this change does not affect the debtor in a joint case who wishes to dismiss. That debtor can proceed with a motion using the "Dismiss Party" event under the "Motions" category. The debtor does not have to request case deconsolidation first.

April 27, 2007

Kevin P. Dempsey Clerk